28894. RAJANIA PLEIONEURA Griseb.

"Waw-waw."

From Dominica, British West Indies. Presented by Mr. J. Jones, curator, Botanic Station. Received October 6, 1910.

"The 'waw-waw' is a native of Dominica. It occurs wild in the forests and does best in the deep shade. It is not cultivated in this island, probably because an abundance of the yam can be obtained by digging in the forest.

"The 'waw-waw' is considered by many people to be superior to the yams produced by the dioscoreas." (Jones.)

Distribution.—Common in the woods on the island of Dominica, and in Cuba and Porto Rico.

28895 to **28898**. Coffea arabica L.

Coffee.

From Reunion Island. Presented by Mr. G. Regnard, Port Louis, Mauritius. Received October 7, 1910.

Seeds of the following:

28895 and 28896. "Cafe du Pays."

28895. From Campon.

28896. From St. Louis.

28897 and 28898. "Cafe le Roy."

28897. From Campon.

28898. From St. Louis.

28899. Solanum muricatum Ait.

Pepino.

From Grand Canary, Canary Islands. Presented by Mr. M. Moniz, American consular agent pro tem., at the request of Mr. Ross J. Hazeltine, American consul, Teneriffe. Received October 8, 1910.

See No. 23650 for description.

28900. Diospyros discolor Willd.

Persimmon.

From Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. J. B. O. Colman, Bureau of Public Works. Received October 7, 1910.

"This is a species of persimmon which has a thick and pleasantly flavored meat. The fruits from which these seeds were taken were unusually large and perfect." (Colman.)

See No. 26612 for further description.

28901 and 28902. PITTOSPORUM spp.

From Greendale, Canterbury, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. T. W. Adams. Received October 14, 1910.

Seeds of the following:

28901. PITTOSPORUM RALPHII Kirk.

Distribution.—In the Patea district on the southern coast of North Island, and on the Great Barrier Island, off the northern coast of North Island, New Zealand.

28902. PITTOSPORUM TENUIFOLIUM Gaertn.

Distribution.—Along the eastern coasts of the islands of New Zealand extending from the northern island southward to the province of Otago.

"These are small, hardy trees that will bear 20 degrees of frost, but I suppose they will not be hardy at Washington, D. C. (Adams.)

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